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SUBJECT: WAFA WA AMAL SOCIETY

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- 1. HOAGLAND OF WASHINGTON POST CALLED TODAY AT HIS REQUEST. HE SAID HE HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE POST'S "SOCIETY EDITOR" TO LOOK INTO THE USG GIFT FOR MRS. SADAT'S CHARITY AND ASKED ITS AMOUNT. I SUGGESTED HE GET THIS INFORMATION FROM STATE, BUT CONFIRMED THAT SUCH A GIFT HAD BEEN MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PL 480 LEGISLATION. I NOTED THE SOCIETY'S PURPOSE OF REHABILITATING THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED AND INCAPACITATED, AND ESPECIALLY PROSTHETIC CASES, WAS COMMENDABLE AND DESERVES SUPPORT. OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAVE ALSO CONTRIBUTED. I REFERRED HIM TO GENERAL HOSNY FOR DETAILS ON THE SOCIETY'S PROJECT.
- 2. HOAGLAND ASKED WHY THE GIFT HAD NOT BEEN PUBLICIZED. I TOLD HIM I DID NOT KNOW, BUT MRS. SADAT HAD FOR REASONS OF HER OWN NOT PUBLISHED CONFIDENTIAL

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IT HERE. HOWEVER, NEWS OF THE GIFT IS WIDELY KNOWN IN

CAIRO AND APPRECIATED. HOAGLAND ALSO ASKED HOW WE CHECK THAT MONEY IS PROPERLY SPENT. I TOLD HIM PROJECT IS IN ITS EARLY PHASES WITH PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION STILL GOING ON. WE ARE IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH HOSNY AND EMBOFFS OCCASIONALLY VISIT SITE TO SEE HOW IT IS COMING ALONG. WE HAVE ALSO ASKED FOR REPORTS OF THE SOCIETY WHEN SUCH ARE ISSUED. SINCE THE PROJECT IS STILL IN ITS INFANCY, NONE HAVE THUS FAR BEEN ISSUED. I ALSO MENTIONED THAT DR. JOSEPH TRAUB OF HEW HAS BEEN ENGAGED BY THE SOCIETY AS A CONSULTANT AND THOROUGHLY ENDORSES THE PROJECT. ADDED THAT AS FAR AS I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TELL IN TALKS WITH OSMAN AND HOSNY, THE SOCIETY'S FUNDS SEEM TO BE EXTREMELY CAREFULLY HANDLED. MRS. SADAT, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD, AND THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS MUST APPROVE ALL EXPENDITURES.

- 3. I ALSO MENTIONED WESTINGHOUSE'S INTEREST IN A CONSULTING CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT AND THE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO FACILITATE THE EXPEDITIOUS PROCESS OF DELIVERY BY AMPEX OF HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE PROJECT SO THAT FIRST PHASE MAY OPEN IN OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR.
- 4. COMMENT: I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER WE HAVE ANNOUNCED THE GIFT. IT IS CLEARLY A VERY WORTHWHILE CAUSE AND FULLY CONSISTENT WITH PL 480 LEGISLATION. MRS. SADAT HAS TOLD OTHERS (BUT NOT ME) THAT WE WANTED NO PUBLICITY, HENCE SHE SAID NOTHING ABOUT IT. PLEASE ADVISE IF WE HAVE AT ANY TIME ANNOUNCED IT. IF NOT, BELIEVE CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO DOING SO.
- 5. UNDERSTAND POST MAY ALSO BE APPROACHING DEPT ON THIS MATTER. EILTS

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